



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 07, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

43 June 7, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
ACCESS BRIDGE OVER BROWN'S GULCH AT SAN GABRIEL DAM  
IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the project to replace an existing bridge for Access Bridge over Brown's Gulch at San Gabriel Dam, in the Angeles National Forest; find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule, a surface water diversion and dewatering plan, and environmental plans for a not-to-exceed fee of \$27,500.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Access Bridge over Brown's Gulch at San Gabriel Dam, in the Angeles National Forest, at an estimated cost between \$1,700,000 and \$2,000,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on July 12, 2011, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal

Advertisement.

4. Authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule, a surface water diversion and dewatering plan, and environmental plans for a not-to-exceed fee of \$27,500 funded by existing project funds.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), and to adopt the plans and specifications, and advertise for bids for the replacement of an existing bridge and the performance of other appurtenant work, and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule, a surface water diversion and dewatering plan, and environmental plans for a not-to-exceed fee of \$27,500.

The proposed consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule, a surface water diversion and dewatering plan, and environmental plans that conform to the LACFCD specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and LACFCD, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the apparent lowest bidder fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) may return to your Board to recommend that the bidder be determined nonresponsive and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid contingent on that bidder completing deliverables that conform to LACFCD's specifications.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing reliable access for emergency and construction equipment to maintain and improve a critical flood control facility, which will enhance safety for the community.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,700,000 to \$2,000,000. Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project, to contract for the replacement of an existing bridge, is part of Public Works' ongoing program for flood control facilities construction and maintenance. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 160 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April 2012

and be completed in December 2012.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the LACFCD to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the LACFCD to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the LACFCD to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15302(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 2, Subsection (a) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the replacement of an existing bridge to meet current standards for public health and safety involving negligible or no expansion of use.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and State Public Contract Code, and successful completion of the deliverables provided through the consultant services agreement.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing more reliable access for emergency and construction equipment to maintain a critical flood control facility, which will enhance safety for the community.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance